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Academic Relations Coordinator Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr.

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On behalf of the Debate Council and Columbia University please accept our thanks for your efforts in setting up the recent briefing. Please be kind enough to convey our special thanks to Mr. for his willingness to meet us and his informative and relaxed briefing.

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In terms of evaluation, the students were pleased with the content of the discussion and Mr. swillingness to voice personal opinions and offer his insights into the lifestyle and career opportunities of State Department and CIA personel. The briefing was small and emminently discreet. Mr. although not a polished orator, was effective in presenting data and giving us a conceptual framework to use in evaluating current events in the Middle East. The coverage of material, although not particularly revealing, stimulated discussion and lead to student follow-up.

From our perspective, the briefing was a success. Thank you again for your efforts on our behalf. I hope that we can arrange for a similar arrangement next year. Have an enjoyable summer.

With kindest regards, I remain

Daniel Flamberg Director of Debate

3 May 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip to New York, April 27 - April 28 1976

- 1. This visit to New York grew out of sconversations with members of Columbia's Debate Team. The latter wanted a CIA briefing on the Arab-Israeli situation and on how the latter had affected Soviet-American relations. After some preliminary consultation, I went up to Columbia on April 27.
- 2. The Columbia Debate Team, which I met at 1:00 p.m., turned out to be the nucleus of a group of students who were knowledgeable, friendly, and interested. They had gone to some lengths to keep the visit from being publicized or generally known about because they did not want hostile campus radicals to disrupt the session. In some two hours we covered the Middle East rather thoroughly; their questions were pertinent and intelligent. Overall it was a useful exercise and Angus Thuermer's forebodings did not come to pass.
- 3. Also saw Bill Barnds of the Council on Foreign Relations, Howard Wriggins of the South Asia Institute of Columbia, and Bill Quandt of the University of Pennsylvania (but a New York resident). Quandt was extremely useful and helpful on Near East matters, particularly on the Palestinians whom he knows well. Barnds and Wriggins were probably of greater representational than substantive value, but all visits were useful ones.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Associate Deputy Director for

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THROUGH: The Director, Political Research

SUBJECT: Invitation to Speak to the Debate

Club of Columbia College, Columbia

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- 1. By letter dated 17 March, Daniel Flamberg, Director of Debate, requested that the Agency offer some Columbia students a briefing. My response dated 7 April told Mr. Flamberg how this might be arranged.
- 2. By telephone on 13 April, Mr. Flamberg requested that such a briefing be given in New York. He explained that the quarter will soon be over and organizing a trip would be difficult. He said that the student group would number only 15 to 20, and that there would be no press present. There would be no prior advertising. In fact, Mr. Flamberg said the talk could be conducted informally in his apartment if we wished.

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oPR Senior Middle East Analyst, can travel to New York between 21 and 30 April for the purpose of consulting with some Middle East scholars at Columbia and New York University. The student talk could be included in his agenda. He is more than competent to discuss their suggested subject-Middle East issues and Soviet-U.S. relations. If you agree, I will ask to arrange the final details with Flamberg. The briefing will be entirely unclassified, as will his talks with scholars.

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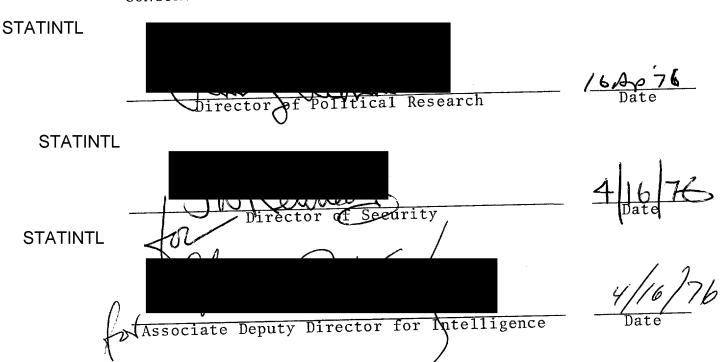
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